Pending irrigation projects

1664. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pending irrigation projects with his Ministry as on date; and

(b) the details of each such proposal projects indicating the latest status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Regulatory Commission Bill, 2009

1665. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware about the passing of Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Regulatory Commission Bill, 2009 in August, 2009 in Andhra Pradesh Assembly which gives control of water resources in Andhra Pradesh to private bodies and thereby reducing water as a 'commodity';

(b) whether it would not lead to monopoly and control on water by a few selected companies thereby create problems for poor, small and marginal farmers;

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has thought of advising Government of Andhra Pradesh to withdraw the above Bill which is against the interest of the people;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Government of Andhra Pradesh has enacted Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Regulatory Commission Act (Act 15 of 2009) and published in the gazette on 9.9.2009. The Act does not give control to water bodies to private persons and also does not reduce the water to a "commodity".

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Sports infrastructure for North-East Region

1666. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sports infrastructure being created and institutions being established in the North East Region for promotion of sports under the 10 per cent budgetary provision; and

(b) specific plan, if any, taken up for execution during Eleventh plan period under 10 percent budgetary provision for promotion of sports of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Government has allowed 20% annual coverage of panchayats in respect of North-Eastern States as compared to 10% for the rest of the country under the Scheme of Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA). Under the Scheme, village/block panchayats receive one-time seed capital grant of Rs.I lakh/Rs.5 lakh each, for establishing a playing field with basic facilities. The state share in this is 25 per cent for normal states and 10 per cent for special category states, including North-Eastern states. In addition, village panchayats are given annual acquisition grant for procurement of sports equipment and annual operational grant to meet the operational expenses of non-competition nature @ Rs.I0,000 and Rs.I2,000 per annum, respectively, and block panchayats are @ Rs.20,000 and 24,000, respectively. The scheme farther provides 100% central assistance for holding annual rural sports competitions at block, district and state level. The assistance given for holding annual block level competition is Rs.95,000/- (including prize money); Rs.3.9 lakh for district level (including inter-school competitions and prize money); Rs.10 lakh for state level; and Rs.70 lakh at national level @Rs.3.5 lakh per discipline (including prize money).

Details regarding financial assistance for infrastructure development sanctioned and released to the North -Eastern States during 2008-09 and 2009-10 are given in the Statement (see below).

(b) Under the ten percent budgetary allocation for north-eastern region, funds have been earmarked to Sports Authority of India, which is entrusted with the responsibility of identification, nurturing and training of talented athletes, PYKKA for creation of basic sports facilities in village panchayats and block panchayats, Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons, Special Awards to winners of medals in international sports events and their coaches, National Sports Development Fund for providing assistance to elite athletes for their specialized training etc.

Statement

Funds sanctioned/released to North Eastern States under PYKKA during 2008-09 and 2009-10

Amount sanctioned /released during 2008-09 (Rupees in Crore)

Sl.No.	Name of State	No. of Village Panchayat approved	No. of Block Panchayat sapproved	Total Amount Sanctioned	Funds released during 2008-09	Funds released during 2009 - 10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Assam	333	22	4.81		3.85
2.	Manipur	79	4	1.08	0.87	
3.	Mizoram	82	3	1.07	0.85	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.	Nagaland	no	5	1.48	1.18	
5.	Sikkim	16	10	0.67	0.54	0.14
6.	Tripura	104	4	1.36	1.09	
	TOTAL	724	48	10.47	4.53	3.99

Amount sanctioned during 2009-10 (Rupees in Crore)

Sl.No.	Name of State	No. of Village Panchayat s approved	No. of Block Panchayats approved	Total Amount Sanctioned	Funds released during 2009 - 10
1.	Meghalaya	83	8	1.32	-
2.	Mizoram	164	5	2.08	-
	TOTAL	247	13	3.40	-

Project works on eve of Commonwealth Games

1667. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) how the project works are going on at Nehru Stadium and the Swimming Pool Complex in New Delhi on the eve of Commonwealth Games;

(b) is there any move to curtail the participation of our weightlifters in Commonwealth Games; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) The project works at Nehru Stadium and the Swimming Pool Complex in New Delhi, are going on at a rapid pace. It is expected that these sports infrastructure projects will be completed by the target dates before the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Preparation for Commonwealth Games Project

1668. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 40 per cent of the preparations of Commonwealth Games is completed now;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof; and